WISCONSIN 1115 DEMONSTRATION

FACT SHEET

Name of Section 1115 Demonstration: Wisconsin SeniorCare

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SUMMARY

The demonstration is a statewide program that provides the prescription drug benefit to eligible Wisconsin residents aged 65 and over, with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Enrollment into the program begins on July 1, 2002, with implementation beginning on September 1, 2002.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals eligible for SeniorCare must meet the following requirements:

- Be a Wisconsin resident;
- Not be a recipient of Medicaid other than as a low-income Medicare beneficiary;
- Be age 65 or older;
- Pay the applicable annual enrollment fee of \$20 per person;
- Have an annual income at or below 200% FPL.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

Only prescription drugs covered under the Medicaid State plan are provided under this demonstration.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Individuals can apply for SeniorCare by filling out a one-page application form to be made available in the summer of 2002. Applications will be submitted via the mail to a central processing center administered by Wisconsin's Department of Health and Family Services.

After enrollment, participants will receive an identification card to be used when purchasing prescription drugs. Participation in the demonstration will begin on the first day of the month following the month in which all eligibility criteria are met. Once determined eligible for

SeniorCare, an individual remains eligible for 12 months from the date of initial enrollment, regardless of changes in income.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

SeniorCare is administered on a fee-for-service basis. The pharmacy benefit provided through this demonstration will enhance and complement primary health care benefits for demonstration eligibles. Pharmacies currently enrolled in the Wisconsin Medicaid program will participate in the SeniorCare demonstration. Approximately 98% of licensed pharmacies in Wisconsin participate in the Medicaid program.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Wisconsin uses the following cost-management strategies:

- Pharmacy Point-of-Sale system, to enable providers to submit real-time claims for prescription drugs to verify participant eligibility and medical history;
- Prospective/Retrospective Drug-Utilization Review;
- Maximum Allowable Cost list for prescription drugs;
- Prior Authorization for certain drugs;
- Diagnosis Restriction and Excluded Drugs.

COST-SHARING

- Participants in the SeniorCare demonstration will pay an annual enrollment fee of \$20.
- Participants with incomes between 160-200% FPL will have an annual deductible of \$500.
- All participants will pay a \$15 copayment amount per prescription for brand-name drugs.
- All participants will pay a \$5 copayment amount per prescription for generic drugs.

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